The LA LINK Team will help you achieve economic independence and have a better life through employment. Services provided include:

- Employment leads
- Help filling out employment applications
- Help in creating and updating resumes and cover letters
- Preparation for job interviews
- Information about Career Expos and Employment Recruitments
- Help faxing or mailing employment applications as needed.



PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

"If it wasn't for you and this program I wouldn't have a wonderful job..."

"Thanks for the good career I have now."

"I never thought that I could have so many opportunities presented to me at one time."

We can only reach our goals and realize our dreams when we make a genuine and determined effort. Below is a quick reference guide to aid you in your job search process:

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

- Wear clean and ironed clothing.
- Wear cleaned, shined, closed-toe shoes.
- Wear appropriate business attire (solid blue, black, or gray color.)
- Wear a conservative hairstyle.
- Minimize jewelry.
- Wear light make-up and perfume.



COMPLETING AN APPLICATION

- Take all necessary information needed to fill out the application, such as:
 - Work history
 - References
- Use black ink.
- Write neatly.
- Do not leave blanks.
- Proofread your application.
- Return the application the same day.
- Ask your references if you may give their name <u>before</u> you do so.
- Be honest on the application.

INTERVIEW

- Go by yourself.
- Take your smile.
- Do not smoke or chew gum.
- Arrive at least 15 minutes early.
- Relax.
- Remember the dress code (see "Dress for Success.")
- Ask the interviewer's name
- Maintain eye contact.
- Do not discuss personal issues (child care, transportation situation, etc.)
- Do some research so you know something about the company.
- Share why you want to work there.
- Tell them about yourself (hard working, reliable, dependable, etc.)
- Be sure to thank them for the opportunity to interview, and request a business card.
- Send a "Thank-you" card.

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- "What are your skills?"
- "What are your long term and short term goals?"
- "What is important to you in your work?"
- "What do you know about our organization?"
- "What are your greatest accomplishments?"
- "In what ways can you make a contribution to our organization?"

IOB RETENTION TIPS

- Arrive early!
- Feel free to ask questions.
- Take notes if possible.
- Leave your personal life at home.
- Prepare your family to undertake responsibilities you would normally perform
- Adhere to working hours.
- Volunteer for extra responsibilities if you can handle the extra work.
- Follow through with the promises made at the interview.
- Prepare your clothing the night before.
- Show enthusiasm.



Reminder:

- · Notify your Case Manager/Eligibility Worker of new employment.
- Report your earnings on your QR7
- · Take advantage of Post-Employment Services.
- · Ask about Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC.)

For additional information visit our website at http://www.ladpss.org/dpss/lalink/default.cfm



For an appointment with a Business Services Specialist, please see your Case Manager or call your local LA LINK office.

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The way to succeed is to begin.

"It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one, than to have an opportunity and not be prepared."

Whitney Young